Noes.

1	Mr. George Chakyamuri	9	Mr. I N Menon
2	,, P Raman Menon	10	,, T Narayana Menon
3	,, K P Vallon	11	,, P Nilakanta Menon
4	,, P C Varkey	12	Dr. D Raghavendra Rao
5	,, K Achyuta Menon	13	Rama Varmha Tampuran
6	,, V K Aravindaksha Menon	14	Mr. P V Raphael
7	,, M P Cherian	15	,, P V Subramania Ayyar
8	,, C J Mathew	16	,, Thomas Manjuran

Neutrals.

1	Mr. Joseph Pettah	4	Mr. M K Raman
2	,, M Krishna Menon	5	Mrs. Swaris
3	,, Paul Mampilli		

Demand put and carried.

10—Forests—Rs. 2,38,749.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Sir, I beg leave to move for a grant of Rs. 2,38,749 under 10—Forests. In doing so, I may be permitted to inform the House that the policy and programme suggested for the guidance of the Department on the occasion of presenting my last budget, have been steadily kept in view in the conduct of operations during the current year and in framing proposals for next year's working. Among the chief items of that programme, it may be recalled, are regeneration operations, and the preparation of working plans. As regards the first, about 275 acres of forests which do not now contain any valuable growth in Anapandan Valley have been got planted up with teak during the year, while another 75 acres of low-country forests, the stock of which had been impoverished by past exploitation have been treated under the system of improvement fellings and filling up the blanks with seedlings of superior species. These methods of regeneration are proposed to be carried on next year on a more extensive scale as may be seen from the larger amount provided in the budget for 1110 under this item, viz., Rs. 15,250 against the current year's allotment of Rs. 10,500. For the preparation of working plans, all the teak plantation areas in the State aggregating to 3,450 acres were taken up, as also an unworked area at Chirakadavu in Parambikulam. Preparation of working plans for both these were completed during this year and the reports are being submitted to the Government for their approval. Early next year, the preparation of working plans for another area in Parambikulam will be taken up. In future it is hoped to be able to confine working in Parambikulam to such areas for which systematic working plans are available.

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The substitution of the departmental system of collection and sale of timber for the seigniorage system, as far as practicable, was a proposed innovation adverted to in my last year's budget speech. I am glad to be able to state that wherever it has been practicable to try the change it has been a decided success. Even in the case of growth standing in Forest Exclusions which used to be invariably disposed of under the seigniorage system, the departmental collection system has yielded very satisfactory results. Apart from the better financial results obtained by departmental collection and sale than by the seigniorage system, another wholesome feature of the change is that scope for irregularities is very much minimised.

I would now like to say a few words about one or two matters referred to by some of the Hon'ble Members in the course of the discussions here. The Hon'ble Member for Trichur made a passing reference to the paucity of firewood to meet the requirements of the Trichur town. I may state in that connection that a fuel coupe has been set apart solely for meeting this demand, at Ollukara, about 6 miles from the town, and permits are issued direct to the fuel cartmen, thus saving the consumer the profits of a middleman contractor. As far as I have been able to ascertain, the system is working satisfactorily and no complaints have been received of paucity of fuel or of high prices. When any shortcomings in the working of this system are brought to light prompt action shall be taken to remedy them.

The Hon'ble Member for Nemmara in the course of the general budget discussion, referred to the possibilities of starting a paper-making industry. I may be permitted, Sir, to place before the House, some information on the subject which I have come across. The possibilities of starting a paper-mill from the resourses available in Parambikulam forests, such as suitable woods, bamboos, and reeds, have been subjected to thorough investigation, and the results have been published in G. O. dated 5th December 1921, C. No. 136 of 1097, with an invitation to the public to take up the enterprise, promising a number of concessions from the State for helping such as were prepared to respond. As the conclusions arrived at by Sir Joseph Bhore on the subject during his Diwanship, as a result of investigations, in 1094 may be of interest to the House I shall summarise the principal ones here.

1. Pulp and paper of excellent quality were being manufactured from bamboos, and the examination of the bamboos, in the State forests showed that 4 of the most widespread species were well-suited for the manufacture of high-grade paper.

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2. The financial prospects of a factory at Chalakkudi had been investigated and found to be distinctly good, provided paper and not merely pulp was manufactured and the manufacture of the necessary alkalis formed an integral part of the project.

3. The lowest scale of manufacture consistent with economy and efficiency would necessitate a capital of from 20 to 25 lakhs of rupees and the view of the expert consulted was that double that scale would be even more advantageous and advisable.

4. In view of the element of speculation involved, which is inseparable from most business undertakings, it would be in the highest degree inexpedient for the State to incur the large financial responsibilities involved, when it could secure all the objects contemplated at no cost to itself by inducing private enterprise to take up the project.

I do not propose to make any comments on the subject now as my object is only to put the House in possession of some information available on the subject. If any Hon'ble Member wishes to have further information I shall be glad to furnish it in so far as it is available.

On the demand I have submitted to the House I have little to say over and above what has been explained by the Hon'ble Finance Member in his speech as well as in the Memorandum explaining the Budget, since there is no noteworthy feature requiring such explanation. I would, therefore, request that the House may be pleased to pass the demand.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,83,188 for conservancy and works by Re. 1.*

സർ, ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപം ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിയ്ക്കുന്നതിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം "പ്ലാവു മരം ഒരു സർവ്വേ നമ്പരിൽനിന്നു വേറൊരു സർവ്വേ നമ്പരിലേയ്ക്കു മാറ്റേണ്ടതിനു പാസ്സു വാങ്ങണമെന്നുള്ള നിബന്ധന ഇല്ലാതാക്കണമെന്ന ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനെ ധരിപ്പിയ്ക്കുവാൻ" വേണ്ടിയാണു്.

ഒരു പ്ലാവു മരം ഒരു സർവ്വേനമ്പരിൽനിന്നു വേറൊരു സർവ്വേ നമ്പരിലേയ്ക്കു മാറ്റേണ്ടതിനു് ഇപ്പോൾ ഫാറസ്റ്റു് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിൽനിന്നു് പാസ്സുവാങ്ങണമെന്ന വച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. എന്നാൽ ഏതുമരങ്ങൾക്കു് വേണമെന്നൊരു നിർബ്ബന്ധംകൂടിയുണ്ടു്. പ്ലാവിനുംകൂടി പാസ്സുവാങ്ങണമെന്നവച്ചിട്ടുള്ള നിർബ്ബന്ധം ഇല്ലാതാക്കണമെന്നാണു് എനിയ്ക്കുള്ള അപേക്ഷ. ഈ വിഷയത്തെപ്പറ്റി കൂടുതലായി ഒന്നും പ്രസംഗിയ്ക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെന്നു് എനിയ്ക്കു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. പാസ്സുവച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം നോക്കിയാൽ ഞാൻ പറ

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ഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ള ഒരു ഇനത്തിനു് ഇതുപോലെ ഒരു ദയവു ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഗവൺമെൻറിനു വിരോധമില്ല. സക്കാർ മരങ്ങൾ കളവുപോകയാണെങ്കിൽ കണ്ടുപിടിയ്ക്കുവാനും തടയുവാനുമായിട്ടാണു് ഈ പാസ്സു് ഏർപ്പാടു്. അങ്ങിനെയാണെന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഈ പ്ലാവു് എന്നു പറഞ്ഞ ഒരു ഇനത്തിനു് ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ പാസ്സുകൂടാതെ കൊണ്ടുപോകുവാൻ അനുവാദം കൊടുക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു് വലിയ ഉപദ്രവമൊന്നും ഉണ്ടാകുമെന്നു് എനിയ്ക്കു തോന്നുന്നില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ പാപ്പ മാമ്പിള്ളി — വെട്ടിമാറ്റിക്കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതിനാണോ പാസ്സുവച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ—പുരപണി ആവശ്യത്തിനും മറ്റും ഒരു സർവ്വേ നമ്പരിൽനിന്നും മറ്റൊരു സർവ്വേ നമ്പരിലേയ്ക്കു് കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതു് പാസ്സുകൂടാതെ പാടില്ലെന്നാണു് പറയുന്നതു്. ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം അറിഞ്ഞതിന്റെ ശേഷം എതിരായിട്ടു വാദമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അധികം പ്രസംഗിച്ചാൽ മതിയെല്ലോ. ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഞാൻ അപ്പോൾ മുപടി പറഞ്ഞുകൊള്ളാം.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Sir, I may inform the House that the Government have been pleased to accept the proposal contained in the cut motion and the necessary correction slip to the rules of the Forest Code will be issued soon.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Thank you.

Motion was, with leave, withdrawn.

Grant put and carried.

11—Tramway—Rs. 1,11,534.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Sir, I request that the House may be pleased to grant an allotment of Rs. 1,11,534 under XI—Tramway. I may be permitted to remark that from the standpoint of the Tramway Department, this session of the Council was an unique one for the absence of questions or adverse criticisms on the working of that Department. I believe I shall be right in interpreting this silence not as a sign of flagging interest but as indicating a better appreciation of the satisfactory results of the working of the Department under difficult conditions. Such an attitude will be found justified by the opinion of the Premier Forestry Journal in India. The Indian Forester has the following editorial note in its issue for March 1934, under the heading, "Successful Forest Tramway":—

"The Cochin Forest Annual Report gives a statement showing the financial results of the working of certain forests by means of a Tramway, from the time of its inception till the end of the year under report. The net profit for the year is Rs. 31,190 after setting off a sum of Rs. 41,651 towards interest on the total expenditure at 2 per cent per annum. It is of

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